

*Will introduce a resolution urging all universities to offer similar programs*

Camden, NJ - Congressman John Adler today praised Rutgers President Richard McCormick for seeking membership in the Servicemembers Opportunity College (SOC) Consortium, which would allow service members to enroll in bachelor and graduate-level degree programs offered by Rutgers on school campuses, military installations, and armories within the United States and overseas. Congressman Adler first urged President McCormick to join the program last September.

"This is great news for New Jersey's military population and veterans," said Congressman Adler, a member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee. "I first spoke with President McCormick last year, and his efforts to provide increased education opportunities will make a real impact in the lives of our brave service men and women. I look forward to seeing this program launch, and will do anything I can to help expedite the process. "

Congressman Adler will be introducing a House Resolution urging every institute of higher education in the country to become a member of the SOC consortium in the coming months.

The Faculty Senate voted to seek membership in the Servicemembers Opportunity College (SOC) Consortium earlier this week. The program is a 1,800-member consortium of institutions of higher education, which allows service members to enroll in associate, bachelor and graduate-level degree programs offered by SOC Consortium members on school campuses, military installations, and armories within the United States and overseas.